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Recommendation No. 183 of the Provision Reforms Committee regd Provision of facilities for the detainees of prisoners -

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Recommendation No. 1830 of the Prison Reforms Committee

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In paras 41 and 42 of Chapter VIII of their Report, the Prison Reforms Committee deal with the provision of facilities for the bathing of prisoners. The Committee's recommendations on the subject are as follows :-

(1) They suggest that daily bathing should be encouraged in the interests of the health and cleanliness of the prisoners and that, except in the case of the really weak or sick, it should be enforced as a general rule.

2) The Inspector General of Prisons is of opinion that this may be done, which seems to imply that it is not now being done.

3) Prisoners are, however, required every day under the Jail Manual rules to bath every day. Rule 254 provides that upon the cessation of work the convicts shall proceed first to the bathing platforms where they shall be required to bathe, unless excused by order of the Superintendent or the Medical Officer, and that during the wet months of the cold weather, the bathing hour may be changed so as to precede the mid-day instead of the evening meal.

4) Prisoners are thus required under the Jail Manual rules to bathe every day. The Inspector General of Prisons will, if approved, be asked whether this rule is not being enforced and whether he

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considers a further provision necessary.

(2) The Committee next recommended that a warm or tepid bath should be provided for those medically certified as unfit to stand a cold water bath, as also for prisoners in the Malnad during the winter season.

5) The Inspector General of Prisons suggests that this also may be done and a rule to the effect introduced.

6) Such an amenity does not seem to have been provided in the Jails in British India. The suggestion in so far as it pertains to prisoners who are medically certified to be unfit for a cold bath is a reasonable one, and may perhaps be approved. The number of such prisoners may not be ~~such~~ much. The suggestion for a warm bath to all prisoners in the Malnad during the winter stands, however, on a different footing. This may involve extra cost, and the Inspector General of ~~Police~~ Prisons will, if approved, be asked whether this would not involve extra expenditure and if so, what it is likely to be.

7) (3) The Committee next recommend that to prisoners accustomed to take regular oil baths, an ounce of Gingely Oil per head may be issued once a fortnight, together with an ounce of soap-nut powder.

The Inspector General of Prisons suggests that

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that the Medical Officer in the Jails and the Officers in charge of the Lock-Ups may be permitted to order oil baths in suitable cases.

8) Here again such an amenity is not provided in the Jails in British India. In Madras, However, every male prisoner is given one ounce of soap-nut powder per week, and every female prisoner 8 drams of soap-nut powder twice a week for bathing purposes. (Rules 264 and 831). But no provision is made for oil baths.

9) The Inspector General of Prisons will in the first instance be requested to furnish an estimate of what the cost of the proposal of the Committee as modified by him is likely to be.

10) (4) The Committee next propose that those who use toilet soap may be allowed to procure the same at their own cost.

11) The Inspector General of Prisons is of opinion that this may be allowed and that a rule to the effect may be introduced.

12) No such concession is shown to ordinary prisoners in the Jails in British India. It is for consideration if this concession, which is perhaps a luxury, may be granted to the prisoners here.

13) (5) The Committee finally suggest that each prisoner should be given a pair of towels once in nine

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nine months, and that they should be at least thirty six inches long by twenty four if not longer.

(4) Prisoners are now supplied one towel of 36 inches square once in nine months (Rules 341 and 342). The Inspector General of Prisons suggests that the Committee's recommendation may be given effect to, and that at annas five per towel the cost on account of the additional supply recommended will be Rs.500/-.

(5) The Indian Jails Committee recommended the issue of one towel only to prisoners in British India, and as a result only a single towel is being given to each convict not oftener than once in nine months. (Madras - Rule 366).

(6) The need for an additional towel is not apparent, and the Committee themselves have assigned no reasons for its issue. In the circumstances the present arrangement may perhaps continue.

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(7) ... R 254 provides for that upon cessation of work every prisoner should bathe (unless excused). No direction may be issued to enforce it strictly

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14) 2 The S.G.P. opines that the recommendation that a warm or tepid bath should be provided for those who are medically certified as unfit — & Bland a cold bath as also for Prisoners in the Madras during the months December January may be accepted. The cost will not be much. May be accepted

14) 3 Those who are accustomed & oil baths should be allowed & have them at least once a fortnight as recommended by the Committee (para 41, Ch VIII) in the interests of their health. As suggested by the S.G.P. the Medical Officers in charge of jails & the Officers in Charge

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of DC. Lock-ups may order for oil bath in suitable cases.

20) The cost would depend upon the no of persons found & accustomed to such baths & it would be varying. The cost per head may not exceed Rs 1/- annas

21) 4 More who are accustomed to diving tanks may be allowed to procure them at their own cost as recommended in para 41 Ch VIII. This cannot be considered to be an unnecessary luxury

22) 5 A pair of towels may be supplied to each prisoner once in three months each measuring 36" by 24" instead of only

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27/ Submitted with a draft G.O. for consideration.

28/ Please put up typed draft as revised.

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29/ Typed draft submitted

30/ Draft G.O. is submitted for consideration. There is no specific provision in the Lock-up manual requiring prisoners to bathe daily. A rule is accordingly proposed to

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be inserted in the Lock-up manuals similar to rule 254 of the Jail manual.

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31) May be approved

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Duties of Visitors:

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Directs the issue of certain amendments to the rules in the Jail & Lock up manuals re provision of facilities for visiting of prisoners

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Signed by ..... Sd/- M. K. V.

May this be—

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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

Read— Recommendation No. 183 of the Prison Reforms Committee regarding provision of facilities for the bathing of prisoners, and the views of the I.G. of Prisons thereon.

Order No. P 759-69 Pris 2-42-6

Dated. 29-7-42

The Prison Reforms Committee in paras 41 & 42 of Chapter VIII of their Report recommend—

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1) that daily bathing should be encouraged in the interests of the health and cleanliness of prisoners. and that except in the case of the really weak or sick, it should be enforced as a general rule;

2) that a warm or tepid bath should be provided for those medically certified as unfit to stand a cold water bath, as also for prisoners in the Malnad during

during the winter season;

3) that to prisoners accustomed to take regular oil baths, ~~and~~ one ounce of gingelly oil per head may be issued once a fortnight, together with an ounce of soapnut powder;

4) that those who use toilet soaps may be allowed to obtain the same at their own cost; and

5) that each prisoner should be given a pair of towels once in nine months and that they should be at least thirty six inches long by twenty four inches if not longer.

The I.G. of Prisons suggests the acceptance of the Committee's recommendation[s] in respect of items (1), (2), and (4) ~~** He proposes in respect of item~~ (3) mentioned above that the medical officer in the jails and the officer in charge of the Lock-ups may be permitted to order oil baths in suitable cases. As regards the supply of towels, the I.G. of Prisons states that at present each prisoner is given only one towel, and that at 5 annas per towel the cost on account of the additional supply of towels works out to about Rs.500/-.

List of Enclosure

Government are pleased to accept the recommendations of the Committee, subject to the comments suggested by the Dy. Inspector regarding oil baths They direct that the provisions of rule 254 of Jail Manual which requires prisoners to bathe every day on cessation of work should be strictly enforced. The estimated cost of Rs.500/- on account of the

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the additional supply of towels recommended by the Committee will be met from the sanctioned grants of the current year,

Government further direct the issue of the following amendments to the rules in the Jail and Lock-up Manuals:-

1. Add the following as rules 254 A, 254 B and 254 C to the Jail Manual.

"254A. A warm or tepid bath shall be provided for those prisoners who are medically certified as unfit to stand a cold water bath.

254B. The Medical Officer may order oil baths in suitable cases in the case of prisoners who are accustomed to take regular oil baths An ounce of gingelly oil and an ounce of soapnut power shall be issued to every such prisoner.

254C. The Superintendent may allow prisoners who have been in the habit of using toilet soaps to obtain the same at their own cost."

2. Substitute the words and figures- "A pair of towels, each 36 inches long by 24 inches wide" for the words and figures "A towel of 36 inches square" in sub rule (1) of Rule 341 of the Jail Manual.

3. Substitute the words "new towels

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for the words "A new towel" occuring in Rule 342 of the Jail Manual.

4. Add the following as Rules 74A, 74B, ~~and~~ 74C and 74D to the rules in the Lock-up Manual:-

"74A. Before the afternoon meal prisoners shall be required to bathe, unless excused by orders of the Lock-up officer or Medical officer. During the wet months of the cold weathers, the bathing hour may be changed so as to precede the midday meal instead of the afternoon meal.

74B. A warm or tepid bath shall be provided for those who are medically certified as unfit to stand a cold water bath, as also for prisoners in the Malanad during the winter season.

74C. The Lock-up officer may order oil baths in suitable cases in the case of prisoners who are accustomed to take regular oil baths. An ounce of gingely oil and an ounce of soapnut power shall be issued to every such prisoner.

74D. The Lock-up Officer may allow prisoners who have been in the habit of using toilet soaps to obtain the same at their own cost."

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The I.G. of Prions in Mysore.
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Extract from the opinion of the Inspector General of Prisons in Mysore on the recommendation made by the Prison Reforms Committee.

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Recommendation.

(1) Not only should daily bathing be encouraged in the interests of health and cleanliness, but it should be enforced as a general rule except in the case of the really weak and sick.

Opinion of the Inspector General of Prisons.

May be done.

Recommendation.

(2) A warm or tepid bath should be provided for those medically certified as unfit to stand a cold water bath, as also for prisoners in the Malnad during the winter season.

Opinion of the Inspector General of Prisons.

May be done and a rule to the effect introduced.

Recommendation.

(3) To prisoners accustomed to take Oil baths, an ounce of Gingely oil with an ounce of soap-nut powder may be issued once a fortnight.

Opinion of the Inspector General of Prisons.

The Medical Officer in the Jails and the Officers in charge of the District Lock-Ups may be permitted to order Oil baths in suitable cases.

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Recommendation.

(4) Those who use Toilet soap may be allowed to procure the same at their own cost.

Opinion of the Inspector General of Prisons.

~~(5)~~ This may be allowed. A rule to the effect may be introduced.

Recommendation.

(5) Each prisoner should be given a pair of towels once in nine months. They should be at least thirty six inches long by twenty four, if not longer.

Opinion of the Inspector General of Prisons.

This may be done. At present each prisoner is given only one towel. At Annas five per towel the additional cost on account of the additional supply recommended works out to about Rs.500/-. The towel now issued is 36" square.

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